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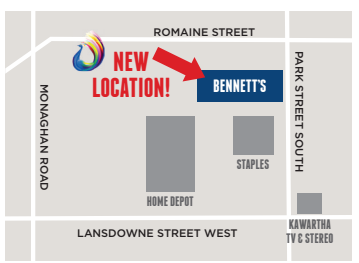

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Canoe trips and other myths

By Janet Trull

There are dozens of canoes in front of the cottages on my lake. A cruise around the shoreline would make you believe that every canoe owner is a paddler. Dip, dip and swing. The birch leaves whispering, the waves lapping, the loon calling… you are one with the lake.

And yet? Planning on paddling and actually launching the canoe are two different things. Many of those canoes never leave the sawhorse contraption where their great red backs fade in the sun. Others have been sinking into a bed of moss and lichen for years, gunnels slowly decomposing.

Paddling isn't as easy as it looks. Like ducks that appear to be propelling themselves across the lake effortlessly, expert paddlers have hidden strength and strategies. They can negotiate cross-currents that send amateurs in circles. Best not to head out on a canoe trip without a refresher lesson on draws, pries and J strokes. You may think you enjoyed that canoe trip at camp back in 1972, but canoe trips tend to remain in that part of the memory that is hazy with false nostalgia. Not sure why. Maybe it's because, like other near-death experiences, you are so euphoric when you get home, sleeping in a real bed, that you confuse survival with a good time.

Canoe trips are often remembered with false nostalgia

It was raining so hard the last time I "tripped" that when we stopped for the night we flipped the canoe over and crawled underneath to wait out the downpour. The rain won. It never let up. The thunder rolled and the lightning touched down all around us. Soaked to the skin and miserable, I didn't sleep. I think I slipped into a trance about five in the morning, just moments before the sky cleared. Then the bugs came out. The sheer anger of being attacked by mosquitoes

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Dip, dip and swing

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when our defences were at their lowest actually warmed us up and renewed our will to live. We screamed and slapped our way into the dawn, jumping into the ice cold lake as the sun rose.

The worst was surely over, we believed as we paddled to our next campsite with the wind at our back. Except that we badly miscalculated the portage and didn't arrive at our campsite (one with a cabin!) until well after dark. By then, another group had happened upon it and claimed it for their own.

Oh, it worked out fine. They let us bunk in with them and we shared their campfire. Still, by the time we limped home, we had been beaten up by the backwoods. Nature always gets the last laugh. Bruises and bites and clothes that never come clean. These are canoe trip trophies.

My husband went on a canoe trip to Algonquin Park with his parents and two of his brothers when he was 12. Roger's older brother, the temperamental teenager, was silent most of the way. His younger brother, the whiny lily-dipper, was ready to set up camp after the first half hour on choppy Lake Opeongo. The first day of paddling was a long one and they almost cried with relief when they arrived at their campsite. That's when they realized that the outfitters had given them a fly instead of a tent. Like a parachute, it is better to pack your own camping gear. There were other challenges, too, like man-eating bloodsuckers that created a scream fest until the salt shaker was unpacked.

This story attests to the longevity of canoe trip legends. After 50 years, that trip is just as clear in the brothers' minds as any event that has happened since. A canoe trip is just the antidote for whatever ails you. You must paddle long after your arm goes numb. You must adapt to life without washrooms or wifi. You must rely on your fellow paddlers as you work together to solve problems in the face of broken equipment and bears and bugs. Like anything else that builds character, a canoe trip takes effort and stamina.

A hundred years ago, canoes were a common sight on the lakes and rivers of Haliburton County. They were used for work and exploration. Surveyors, artists and travellers appreciated the simple design, thousands of years old, that made it possible to access the forested frontier of central Ontario. If you have a canoe gathering dust somewhere on your property, plan a trip, even if it's just to the point and back. Launch that thing and paddle until your shoulder aches.

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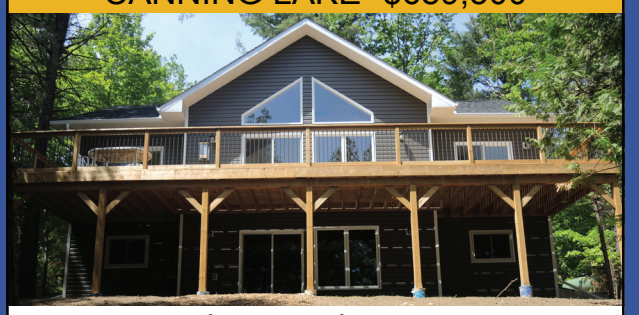

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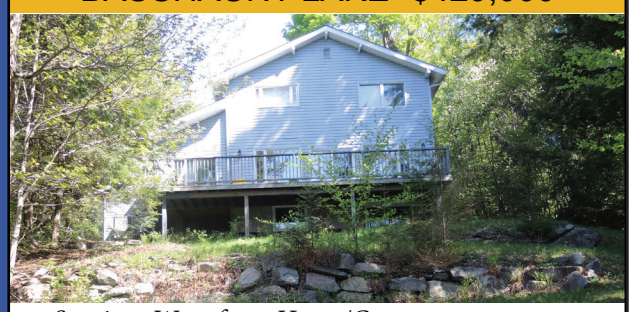

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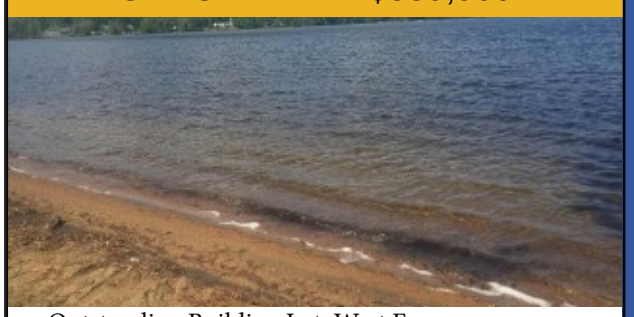

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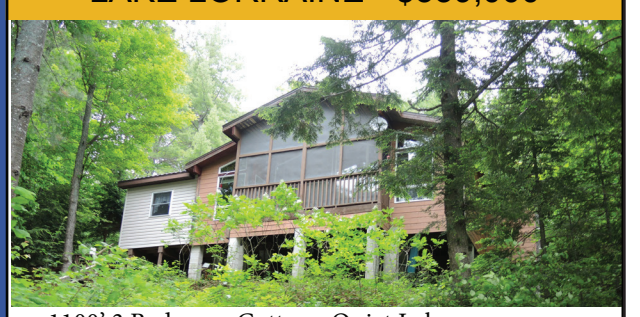

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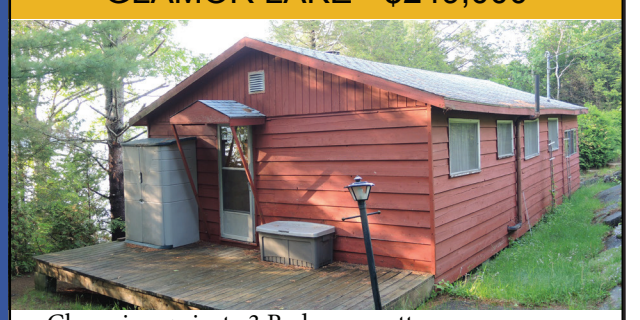

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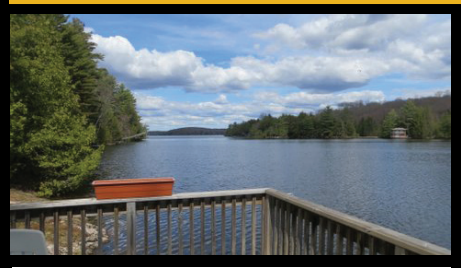

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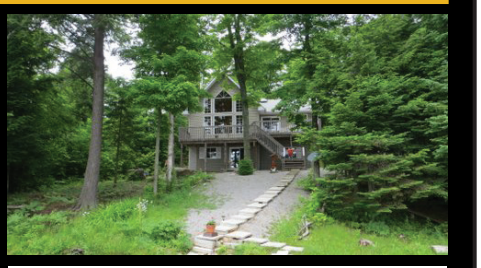

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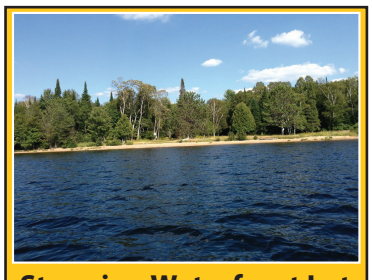

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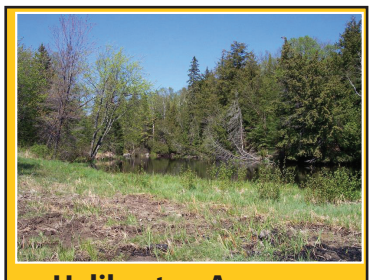

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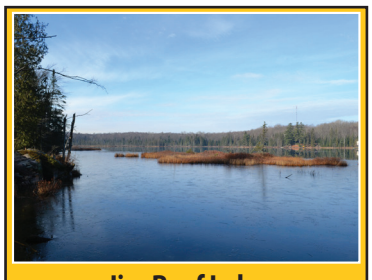

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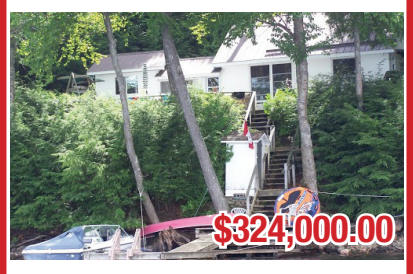

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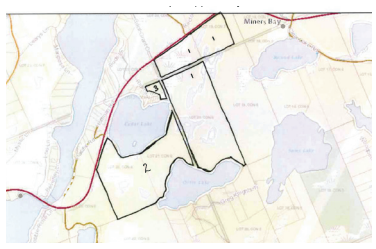

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The weight of water

Gardening in the Wild column
by Belinda Gallagher, Hooked on Horticulture Consulting

A number of years ago, I wrote an article about water that was inspired by the warning decal on the side of our utility trailer. The decal said in part that the maximum weight allowed was 1,500 pounds and further that for the purpose of haulage, one gallon equals 8.3 pounds. I was flabbergasted! (Couldn't wait to use that word in a sentence.)

The gallon described was an American gallon meaning that our larger Imperial gallon weighs about 10 pounds or 4.5 kilograms. As I pondered this number it was clear that hauling water from rain barrel to plant was likely the cause of my sore shoulder. But water is not only heavy in terms of actual weight; it can also be a heavy topic philosophically and ethically.

The June 2015 issue of *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine has an article that notes our province has about 250,000 lakes and 100,000 kilometres of rivers. Of those totals, a chunk sits right here in Haliburton and environs.

Permanent and seasonal residents alike are so used to the shimmering waters that we sometimes forget what a precious commodity we have at hand.

Gardeners "see" the water a little differently than the rest of the world. Yes, it is good for drinking, bathing and boating but it is a crucial ingredient in perfecting our passion. Whether one has a vegetable plot in the newly developed Wilberforce Community Garden or planters on the dock at Drag Lake, we must have water for our plants. We are painfully aware that water fluctuates between extremes – way too much causing flooding and soil erosion or not quite enough to keep the peonies and peppers alive.

In normal years, Mother Nature is on our side providing regular rainfall for our lawns and gardens. Yet climate change is producing more unusual weather patterns and gentle, soil-soaking rains are giving way to more severe thunderstorms and tornadic events.

Quantity aside, there is also the issue of quality. Fortunately, I rarely hear any comments about the quality of water in the area affecting gardens but there is the problem of gardening practices affecting the quality of lakes and rivers.

Here are a few easy things you can do when you garden in the wild that will help protect and preserve our priceless H2O:

Conserve water

Plant lawn and garden areas with native plants or drought-tolerant plants from similar eco-systems. For example, most native shrubs and perennials will adjust to changes in rainfall amounts by limiting growth or going dormant.

Use a rain barrel. Many organizations including our local FEEL (The Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning) sell wonderful rain barrels equipped with screens to prevent mosquito problems. One rain barrel has been adequate for the 14 or 15 planter pots that I have growing around the house except in an extremely dry summer.

Consider watering your flowers with warm-up water, the water that generally runs down the drain while you are waiting for the hot to come. Easily captured in a pail or pitcher, it can be just enough for the potted petunias.

Mulch your gardens! More on this and composting in the next article.

Protect the quality of water

Reduce or eliminate the use of fertiliz-

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Buffer zones reduce sediment and run-off

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ers in gardens and on lawns. Remember that the nutrients used to stimulate growth in flowers and vegetables are the same nutrients responsible for promoting algae blooms in our waterways.

Do not fertilize annuals in containers that you have placed on your docks and decks over water. Instead, move the containers "inland" for fertilizing and use minimum dosage necessary. Better still, water with the lake/river water that likely has some natural nutrients.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) recommends the planting of a naturalized buffer zone at water's edge to reduce sediment and nutrient run-off. Easy to do and beautiful.

As you carry that heavy watering can around your property this season, it is well to remember the words of Sarah Hayden Reichard, author of *The Conscientious Gardener*, "In a way, all water is connected, in what scientists call the hydrologic cycle. Essentially, water does not leave Earth's atmosphere – the water we have today has existed for hundreds of millions of years. It just keeps recycling." I think we need to take care of it as it passes by our homes and cottages, don't you?

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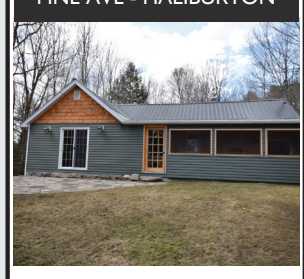

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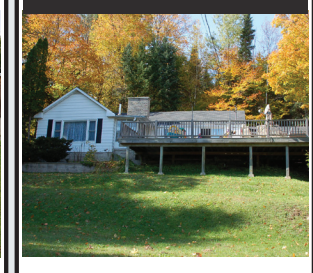

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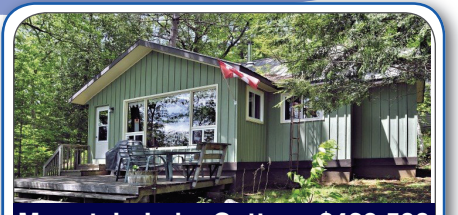

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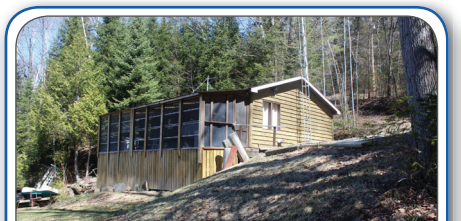

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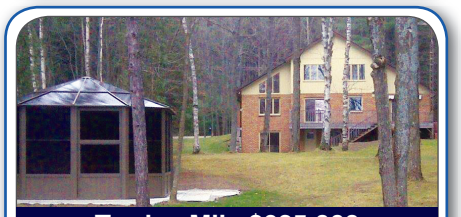

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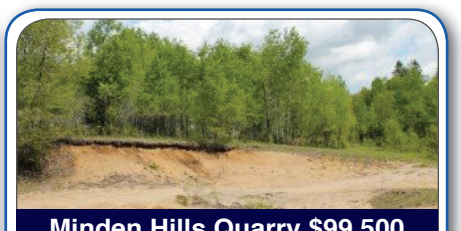

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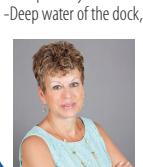

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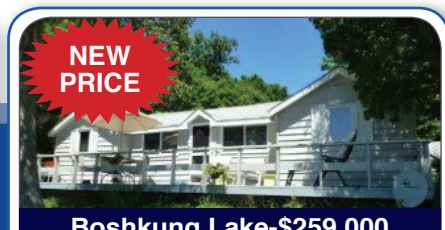

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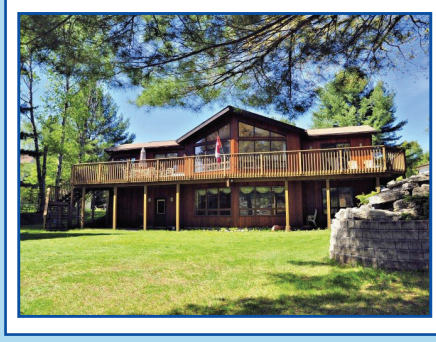

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Bob Lake $299,000

- Lovely and charming two bedroom cottage with large bright sun room with walk-out to lakeside deck .
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County Life

The master's touch

Along the White Trail column by Marci Mandel

Every now and then you get the chance to meet a true master – someone whose light shines so radiantly your own can't help but glow a bit brighter in their presence. I've met several in my life, including musicians, swamis, martial artists, and Olympians. What I've noticed about these men and women is, they may have different skills, different crafts they excelled at, but there is a similarity in their nature.

Last weekend, six friends got together at our cottage to learn how to paint. Sandie had painted 40 years ago, Wendy had tried it for the first time last year, and four of us (including me) had never learned a thing about painting with acrylics.

It all started with Wendy who spent a day with our neighbour, Shelley Houghton, last summer. Shelley is a retired elementary school teacher and knows how to get kids – and adults – to succeed. When I saw Wendy's painting on Facebook I couldn't believe the declared newbie had accomplished it in a day! At a campfire last fall, a group of us convinced Shelley to try to work her magic again so we planned a fun "girls' day" around it with a potluck lunch and bubbly and appetizers at the end of the day to celebrate.

Meanwhile, Shelley is not only an outstanding teacher, she is also an award-winning painter. She recently won Mississauga's Art Battle and is heading to the regional finals. If you haven't heard of Art Battle, it is one of those wonderful cultural events that brings patrons up close to watch the art process unfold. Twelve painters compete in three 20-minute rounds and the audience votes for the best in each round and the best over-all. Yes, 20 minutes to create a painting means the artists – some professional and others up-and-coming – have to get to the point quickly. Not a lot of time for small brush details.

Our day started weeks ago when we submitted photos to Shelley for approval. I sent three: a bunch of wild daisies, a hay field, and a photo I'd taken of my husband drinking coffee by the lake. To my surprise, the one she thought I'd have the most success with is the one with a person in it. Yikes!

We all started off with a solid background – mine was yellow – and then began adding elements. Mireille was a "dabber," dotting her canvas with colour for her fall landscape. I was a "stroker," waving my brush side to side, blending the hues to create sky and water.

A painting day brings out creativity, with the help of a patient painting master.

We had lessons on how to use the brushes, like scumbling with and elephant brush to create misty areas and clouds, and using a fan brush to create textures for pine branches and bark. I couldn't get over the results we were getting. With Shelley's easy guidance and firm knowledge, each one of us was producing work we never knew we were capable of.

And then, after lunch, I had to paint in my husband from behind as he looked out over the lake. I would have had a panic attack if I hadn't come to trust Shelley and her process. She showed me how to map it out and suggested I cheat a bit and sketch it on a piece of paper first then use some tracing paper to get the outline in. I felt myself wanting to freak out so kept relaxing myself using my breath and softening my gaze. Dab by dab the curly hair was done and stroke by stroke the clothes were mostly done. Next was painting a hand holding a coffee mug. Help! She calmly showed me how to imagine it and gave me a plate of paints with dabs of red, yellow, white, blue and brown to make the flesh colour. With a few fixes it was OK – not great, but OK. Then standing back, something wasn't quite right. Where was the other hand? In the photo it was out of sight but in the painting it didn't look right, so we added a right hand waving. I was gaining confidence so had a bit more fun playing with it. After 10 minutes or so of more tweaking I was done my masterpiece, and so were most of the others.

The bottles were uncorked, the ribs heated and it was time to celebrate – celebrate the works we created, celebrate the feelings of accomplishment, and celebrate the master in our midst.

They say you can tell how great a master is not by how many students he or she has but by how many masters he or she creates. With easy laughter and firm support, Shelley Houghton is brilliantly leading the way for many to shine brightly! Thank you, Shelley!

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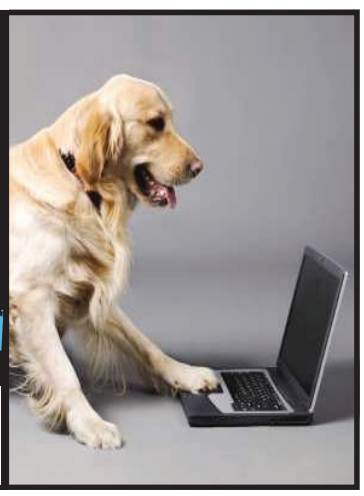

The Fawn

Walking Softly column by Steve Galea

I stepped into the woods, forsaking the heat and harsh light that rimmed its ragged, emerald edge. I slipped beyond raspberry canes where sedge sprites, those blue-bodied damselflies, danced and rested.

I moved reverently inside those woods where shafts of sunlight wedged through shadows, where songbirds sang softly and ferns and sedges bounced happily in the cool breeze.

With camera in hand, I was hoping for an encounter. I had watched a fawn, early in the morning, a kilometre away, just off the road, follow its mother. And I was reminded that within these woods there would be more.

So I set out to get a fleeting glimpse for reassurance's sake – a hint of a new deer to show that the herd was doing well.

Yet I had little faith this would happen. Does hide their fawns well. Deer are not always easy to find. Winter was long.

I knew the place, however. Several times this spring on the spine of the ridge, lying between the oaks and blow downs, I had seen reddish backs smooth and sleek rise above the ferns. Each time in the afternoon.

It was a cool and comfortable place, where deer could watch every approach and enjoy the comfort of the season.

So I snuck in slowly, progressing from tree to tree.

Soon I spotted one mature deer 50 yards away, upright and alert, looking straight at me. It ran and then a domino effect took place. My best guess is there were more than a half dozen, sleek-coated bodies jumping out of their beds bounding gracefully over the rise.

The last and nearest of those was the fawn. Dappled in spots that mimicked the sun's rays on the forest floor, it skittered across leaves beaten down by winter and bounded over greenery raised up by spring.

I expected it to follow the herd, but instead it did what instinct and a few weeks of life with its mother had taught.

It immersed itself in ferns, not more than 10 paces from me, and immediately froze. Its body did not twitch; it held its head low so it could see me through the fronds. It was not any taller than the green screen it was behind. Yet it knew exactly what to do.

And so did I.

I took several photos and stood there in awe. And then it turned tail and bolted over the rise like an arrow loosed.

You could not help but be uplifted. That fawn, probably not yet a month old, was healthy, wary and keen.

Somewhere over the rise, its mother waited.

Songbirds sang. The wind caressed the new growth. And sunlight kissed the ground the ground it had walked on.

A fawn hides itself among the ferns, still and silent. Almost invisible to an unsuspecting visitor.

Belinda Gallagher sent in this photo of a luna moth on the side of her home in Highlands East. Do you have a wildlife photo? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

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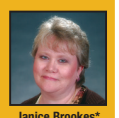

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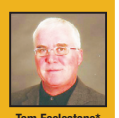

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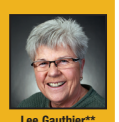

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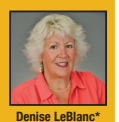

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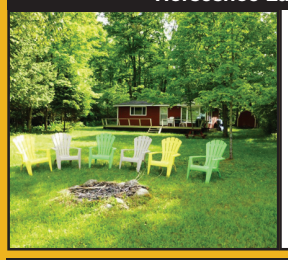

- 3 bdrm immaculate reno'd cottage
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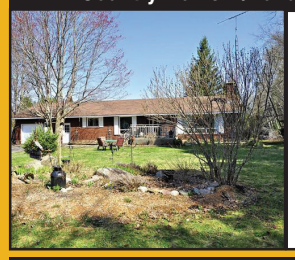

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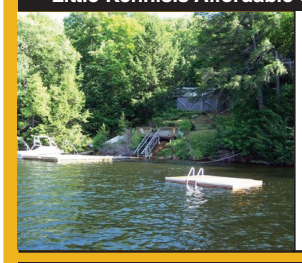

- 2 Bdrm, Cathedral Ceiling, Open Concept
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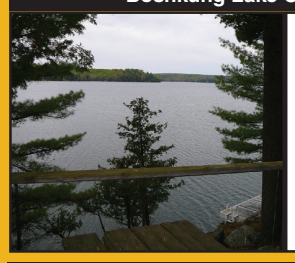

- Very appealing traditional 3 bedroom cottage
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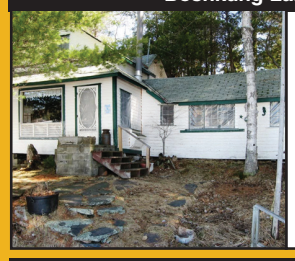


- Western Exposure
- 330 Feet of frontage,
- Sand shoreline,
- Easy all season access

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home $229,000

- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam`s Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jaccuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

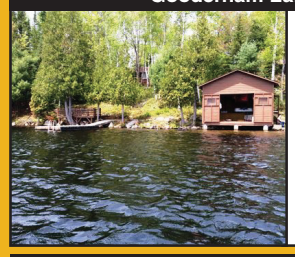
Glamor Lake $249,000

NEW LISTING

- 3 Season cottage full of charm & character, nestled in Haliburton Forestry
- 136 Ft of frontage on Glamor Lake with a very solid dock system
- Open concept interior, 3 bdrms, spacious screened room & deck
- Cottage sits close to the lake with a custom built stone & log pathway

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Gooderham Lake $329,000



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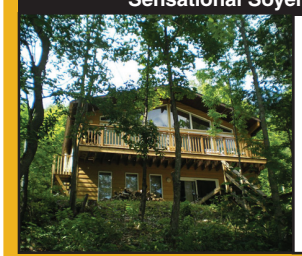

- 125 feet frontage, southern exposure
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Glamor Lake $499,900

NEW PRICE

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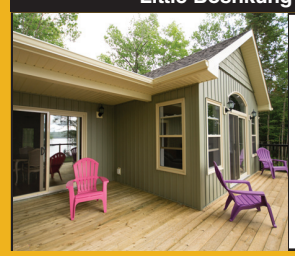

- Southwest Exposure, Sand Shoreline, 3 Lake Chain
- Exceptional 5 Bedroom/3 Bath Home
- Open Concept Living, Hardwood Floors
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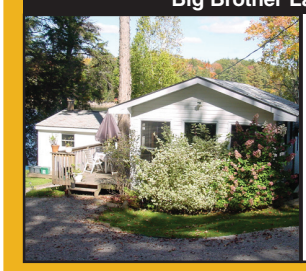
Big Brother Lake $324,900



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Flying squirrels and climate change

By Jenn Watt

Hybridization of species gives insight into potential effects of global warming

Trent University adjunct professor and MNRF research scientist Jeff Bowman holds up a photo taken by Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists board member Don Kerr on June 18. Bowman gave a talk at the Haliburton Highlands Museum about southern and northern flying squirrels. This region is part of the northern boundary for the southern flying squirrel and is a place the two squirrels interact. JENN WATT Staff

Southern and northern flying squirrels don't usually bunk in together. With different temperaments, size and geography, the tiny treetop gliders normally keep to their own species. But sometimes, under particularly cold conditions, the two marsupials come together and a hybrid is born.

Jeff Bowman, adjunct professor at Trent University and research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, spoke to the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists group on June 18 about the meeting of northern and southern flying squirrels and the effect climate change is having on them.

The Haliburton Highlands is at the northern boundary of where southern flying squirrels live, which overlaps with the natural habitat of the northern flying squirrel.

Over time, winters have become warmer, allowing southern flying squirrels to push farther north. The results of that migration can sometimes lead to interbreeding and hybrid squirrels, Bowman told the group.

"Northern and southern flying squirrels will sometimes nest together in cold conditions, we've observed that in our captive study," he said.

While the discovery of hybrid flying squirrels garnered a bevy of media coverage in 2003, Bowman said the importance is less about a new type of squirrel than about the transfer of genes between the two species – a process called introgression.

"The hybrid will be a bridge between the two species and if it mates back with one of the other species then the genes of one species gets moved into the genes of the other species," he said.

"That's where the really interesting effects of climate change will happen."

Benefits that have been developed over thousands of years in, say, the northern squirrel could suddenly be passed to the southern counterpart, which could change the way the southern squirrel behaves in its environment.

"It's one of the few cases where you can see novel genes showing up in other

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Genetic makeup could change in flying squirrel populations

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species," Bowman said.

Southern and northern flying squirrels look alike with large, dark eyes, small bodies and skin connecting its front and hind legs allowing them to coast from tree to tree. According to the MNRF scientist, the squirrels can glide three times as far as their height off the ground. A squirrel 100 metres up could coast 300 metres before it lands. While they are called "flying" squirrels, they actually glide, gaining altitude only slightly when they jump in the air before sailing down.

Of the more than 40 species of flying squirrel around the world, there are only two types in North America – the northern and southern flying squirrel.

The northern flying squirrel has a dark grey belly with two-tone fur with white tips. Bowman described it as "huskier" and more "robust" than its southern neighbour, which he called "dainty" in appearance with pure white belly fur. The northern squirrel scavenges for fungus primarily, while the southern gathers nuts and seeds.

Research done by Bowman and other scientists have turned up details about the way flying squirrels live that give a deeper understanding of data collected on the northern migration – and subsequent recession – of southern flying squirrels.

Bowman told the field naturalists about work done to determine how flying squirrels communicate about their communal nesting places in winter and about whether their metabolic rate slows down when their body temperature decreases, among other things.

Turns out, they use ultrasound to communicate, perhaps passing information between them about where the group is nesting – crucial information for survival. (The flying squirrel's main predator, the owl, cannot hear ultrasound.)

Studies also found that while the body temperature of the squirrels drops in very cold conditions, the metabolic rate goes up. Scientists had wondered if the animals went into torpor, often used by animals to get through winter by slowing metabolism and lowering body temperature.

Experiments found the animals don't go into torpor, meaning in order to survive, they must find a way to stay warm.

"They cannot deal with the cold temperatures," Bowman said.

This helps explain why southern flying squirrels were found beyond the previously demarcated northern border before 2004, but were wiped out after a severely cold winter rolled through the province. It also explains why northern and southern flying squirrels would nest together despite not being natural bedfellows.

"We don't know if hybridization is going to be beneficial or if it's going to be problematic. Hybridization could lead to the extinction of one of the species, it could be something that allows a species to benefit or deal with rapid climate change," Bowman said.

Scientists don't yet know what effects the mixed gene pools will bring.

Haliburton resident Janet Sheehey's feeder attracts more than birds, with flying squirrels dining on seeds. Research into southern and northern flying squirrels gives us hints about how climate change could affect wildlife.

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I try. Oh, how I try to love all creatures and sentient beings on our glorious planet, but there's one critter ol' Maybelle just can't put her arms around and that's the MOSQUITO! That nasty, mean-spirited little biter that trespasses through my clothes just because it can.

Oh, it's a myth, don'tcha know, when people tell you the longer you live in Lake WhaddyathinkImean, the more you're immune to getting bitten by them. Because, my friends, the first week they raided our village I felt like I had swallowed a whole whack of golf balls that erupted on my SCALP!

Like the flu, I'm thinkin' these skeeters keep changing each year, showing up with new venom to insult us with. They're like precocious little snipers. And their venom is nothing to laugh about.

Why ol' Maybelle had so many bites on me, I had to go to bed! That's right. Tummy off, so itchy…just plain off my game!

Twindle Mumbly was the same. And so was Beanpole Starkman. We all got together and scratched our way through an entire evening.

Now, you'd think that we would have solved this problem, being inveterate residents of this seasonally mosquito infested community. After all, we've tried everything from natural basil oil (some folks swear by it)…sheets of fabric softener stuffed into whatever we're wearing…swallowing certain vitamins… abstaining from using hair products, sweet smelling perfumes and body creams…plus a veritable cornucopia of natural mosquito repellants.

Still? Scalp bites the size of Mt. Everest!

I sure love gardening. Keeps ol' Maybelle connected to the beauty of things that light up my heart and soul…flowers, lush green leafy plants, wild buttercups and forget-me-nots, butterflies, dragonflies (our dearest friends when it comes to skeeters) and all the beautiful bugs and worms that live in and around the earth … but NOT MOSQUITOS!

Now, I do find it helpful to wear a mosquito-mesh netted shirt with a hood on it.

I don't care for the way it feels on me, but it does help when I'm gardening.

But, there's no way ol' Maybelle is gonna wear that thing just sitting in my yard with friends. No, that's where the ol' gazebo comes in. That helps a lot. Although skeeters tend to get in anyway. They sneak in in your hair, don'tcha know…and fly in like bomber jets when you open the flap!

Vilma Yuccch has come out with a whole fashion line of anti-mosquito wear…tie-dyed, of course (her signature design). The most effective one covers your entire body. That's right. Even your fingertips.

But, I can't help thinking how ridiculous it makes you look. Imagine…a five foot (that's me) psychedelic mesh covered human walking down the aisle of the Lake W Grocery and Tire store. Strange thing is, her full-body suits are selling like hotcakes online, don'tcha know.

Even Bogart, my pet bear, is having trouble with skeeters this summer.

Poor thing…he's got so much hair that they love to hide in. Why the other day, there he was out back of my cottage shimmying like a 1920s flapper.

Well, that was it. I finally gave in. I've been avoiding using a product with DEET in it for years. But, that was the straw that broke ol' Maybelle's final itch.

I went out and bought Johnson's OFF! Deep Woods, which a bunch of folks have told me about. I still get bitten, but way less.

So, to all my friends in Lake WhaddyathinkImean and cottagers I've yet to meet, it was a toss-up between mosquito venom or a little bit of DEET!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, *is available at amazon.com.*

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Independent Electricity System Operator

Notice of Public Community Meeting For a Project Proposal Under the Large Renewable Procurement

The proponent identified below is proposing to submit a proposal to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to design, build, and operate a ***Large Renewable Project for the generation of electricity under the IESO's Large Renewable Procurement (LRP).***

The LRP is a competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects generally larger than 500 kilowatts. At the conclusion of the LRP, the IESO may award contracts for successful projects up to the specified procurement targets for each renewable fuel: 300 megawatts (MW) for wind, 140 MW for solar, 75 MW for waterpower, and 50 MW for bioenergy.

This notice is being distributed to notify members of the public of a public community meeting that has been scheduled to discuss the Large Renewable Project proposal. Information regarding the proponent, the Large Renewable Project proposal, and the meeting details are described below.

This public community meeting is being held as part of the early community engagement requirements of the LRP. The public community meeting will present details about the Large Renewable Project and its proposed connection line. Representatives of the proponent will be available to discuss the Large Renewable Project and the overall LRP process. Should this Large Renewable Project be awarded a contract, the Large Renewable Project would need to obtain all required permits and approvals and conduct any further required community engagement activities.

Further details regarding the LRP are available at www.ieso.ca/lrp.

Proponent and the Large Renewable Project proposal

Proponent:	Algonquin Power Co.
Qualified Applicant from the LRP Request for Qualifications stage associated with the proponent:	Algonquin Power Co.
Name of the Large Renewable Project proposal:	Minden Solar Farm
Renewable fuel of the Large Renewable Project:	Ground Mount Solar
Proposed capacity of the Large Renewable Project (MW):	40 – 60 MW
Proposed connection point of the Large Renewable Project:	Connection to transmission circuit M80B / M81B, 230kV Transmission

Proposed location of the Large Renewable Project and proposed connection line

The Project is located North West of Hwy 21 at Allsaw, in the Minden Hills Township.

Public community meeting information
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636
12847 Hwy35, Minden

Tuesday July 14, 2015
5pm – 9pm

Contact information for the proponent
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Praise for province's pollinator protection

By Chad Ingram

Those passionate about pollinators are lauding the province's new legislation to limit pesticides that are harmful to bees, but say there is more to be done.

The Ontario government recently passed a regulation demanding an 80 per cent reduction in the use of corn and soybean seeds coated with neonicotinoid pesticides during the next two years.

Neonicotinoids are nicotine-based pesticides toxic to bees and other pollinators and have been linked to rapidly declining bee populations throughout Canada and the United States.

Honeybee colonies are declining with mortality rates as high as 20 per cent per winter for some beekeepers.

A survey from the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists suggested that as many as 58 per cent of Ontario honeybees died during the winter of 2013/14.

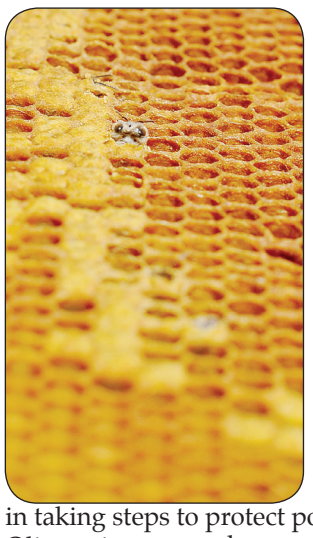
And not only domestic bees are being affected.

"We believe there are reductions in native bees, as well," says Beatrice Olivastri, CEO of Friends of the Earth Canada.

Olivastri explains bumblebees are important pollinators of many types of plants, including those consumed by humans.

"Bumblebees are important to tomatoes, for example," Olivastri says.

Friends of the Earth is praising the Ontario government for its leadership



A honey bee emerges from the brood comb at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve in this file photo. DARREN LUM Staff

in taking steps to protect pollinators, but Olivastri stresses there are more steps that can be taken.

"I wouldn't be an environmentalist if I didn't say there was more to do," she says.

Friends of the Earth advocates for an all-out ban on neonicotinoid use and while the new regulations apply to corn and soybeans, there are other crops they doesn't cover.

"Sweet corn is not addressed under the current legislation," Olivastri says.

The issue of bee mortality and neonicotinoid use has drawn much public attention in recent years.

"I haven't seen such a strong public reaction to an issue in decades," Olivastri says. "They understand [bees] are connected to food."

She notes that concerns over use of neonics coalesce with a growing desire for food security and locally grown foods among Canadians.

The pesticides are also commonly used on ornamental flowers and Olivastri explains that when Friends of the Earth tested flowers from garden centres, it found that more than half of them contained neonicotinoid levels toxic to pollinators.

Since that study, many garden centres quit using neonic products.

"From garden centres, we're very happy we're seeing a big move on them," Olivastri says.

But the organization's concerns around neonics go beyond bees and their importance in the food chain.

"We hope the province will do some more robust testing of water," Olivastri says, explaining it's believed that pesticides have infiltrated soil and water sources. "We believe there are impacts on aquatic life and possibly birds [from eating crops where neonics have been used]."

Still, the group gives credit to the province for making moves on neonic use and encourages other governments to follow suit.

"We hope Ontario's leadership is going to be replicated," Olivastri says, mentioning Quebec and Manitoba specifically since those provinces also grow crops that entail neonic use.

The Ontario Bee Keepers' Association also appreciates the steps the government is taking. It says the regulations have numerous shortcomings and has submitted a list of recommendations to the province.

Chief among them is that sweet corn be included in the province's definition of "corn."

"Currently the definition of 'corn' means grain corn and does not include popping corn, sweet corn or corn used for the production of seed," the OBA's submission reads. "Omitting sweet corn from regulation is contrary to pollinator health. While only a small percentage of corn acreage may be sweet corn, its negative impact on bees is much greater because bees are attracted to, and will readily collect pollen from sweet corn."

Other recommendations from the OBA include changes to the scheduled rollout of the regulations and improvements in provincial data on water, soil and pollen.

Those interested in learning more about pollinators and pesticides can attend a Pesticides and Pollinators talk at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, June 27.

Hosted by biologist Ray Martin and ecologist Juliette Arsenault, the talk will run from 11 a.m. to noon.

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The Haliburton United Church opened its doors to the public for a celebratory event of cake and fellowship to recognize the 90th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on Wednesday, June 10. Since the inaugural service for the church was held at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 1925, United churches across the country, including the Haliburton pastoral charge, which consists of churches in Ingoldsby, Lochlin and Haliburton, rung their bells at 90 times at 10:30 a.m. Haliburton's church sanctuary was built in 1912 by the First Methodist Church. By 1918, the Presbyterian Church and the First Methodist Church congregations came together and formed the Union Church in Haliburton, seven years before the name was changed Haliburton United Church, which corresponded to the start of the United Church of Canada in 1925. The United Church of Canada has the largest Protestant denomination in Canada./DARREN LUM Staff

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This intriguing one-day workshop offers guided movement and writing, leading participants toward expressing embodied knowledge and wisdom. The daylong workshop includes alternating yoga and writing sessions. All levels are welcome – whether new to yoga and writing or currently practising. Crossovers of opening the body, opening the mind, allowing energy to flow through the limbs and through the hand, will be gently guided and supported.

Yoga, led by Terrill Maguire, begins with a gentle flow class, a practice designed to open and stimulate the mind and body, and concludes with a calming, restorative session to assist in assimilating the range of experiences. The practice allows individuals to work at their own level and pace.

Guided writing practice, led by Carol Anderson, enables participants to move into a flow of images, narratives and recollections that can begin to tap reservoirs within the body and memory. The aim is not "good" writing, but an engaged process and experience of flow, sensation, and a fresh unfiltered expression of "writing from the body."

Choreographer, dancer and educator Terrill Maguire and writer, choreographer and teacher Carol Anderson have collaborated creatively since the 1970s. Both are award-winning artists, with distinguished careers encompassing published writing, dance/choreography, arts education and community activism.

Questions? Need further information? Contact: terrill@yorku.ca.

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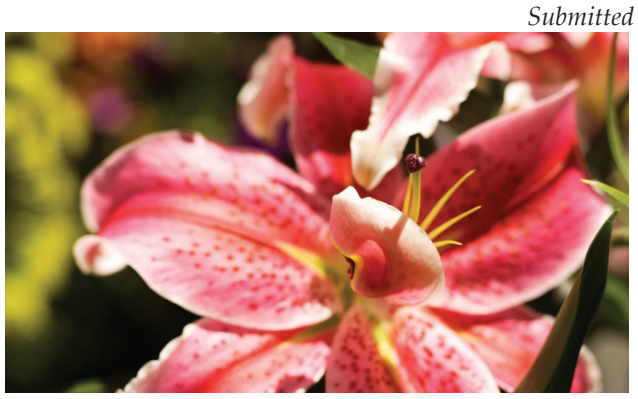

Congregation members of the Minden United Church sounded the church's bell 90 times June 10 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. United churches across the country – including others in Haliburton County – also took part in the noisy celebration. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Led by reverend Harry Morgan, pulling the rope to the church bell rope, the Haliburton United Church opened its doors to the public for a celebratory event of cake and fellowship to recognize the 90th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on Wednesday, June 10. DARREN LUM Staff

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Shabbat on Eagle Lake

By Barbara Rosen

It's Friday. It's dawn. I'm at my cottage on Eagle Lake as bands of light colour the night sky. I meditate on the "challah," the traditional egg bread I will prepare for Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath.

I close my eyes, take some deep breaths, breathing out my "to do" stuff and bringing myself into this incredible present moment. I visualize the challah that is soft, fluffy, braided – so beautiful! I open my mind to feelings of peace, tranquility, love for family and friends, the world and feel a connection. Making the challah by hand will allow me to connect with my Bubbie, my grandmother, her mother and all Jewish mothers before them who made challah. I let out a big sigh, "Ahhhhhh! Ready!"

I choose a large glass bowl and a long wooden mixing spoon. I begin the process by rinsing the bow with warm water. I pour a quarter cup of warm water into the bowl to which I dissolve one teaspoon of sugar. I sprinkle a package of dry yeast on top of the mixture and wait for 10 minutes. "Have patience, Barb," I remind myself. While waiting for the yeast to bubble up, I line up the rest of the ingredients: half cup olive oil, half cup warm water, three beaten eggs, three teaspoons of salt, a quarter cup sugar and about four cups of all purpose or bread flour.

Ten minutes later, I stir the yeast mixture well and add the wet ingredients – the oil, water and eggs – stirring all the while. I'm ready to add the flour and salt to the batter. I know if I add the flour too quickly, I will have a hard challah.

It's the crucial moment. I close my eyes. "Breathe deeply," I remind myself. "Be at peace. Open your heart. Open to beauty, love and creativity."

Slowly, I pour the flour in, a little at a time, along with the salt, mixing all the time until I reach the point where I can't mix with my spoon any more because the dough is sticky.

I sprinkle some flour on a large board and place the dough on it. I begin to knead it, working it with my hands. I punch it. I pull it. I squeeze it allowing feelings of anger and frustration to surface. I become childlike pulling the dough apart, stretching it into long "worms" and then back into one smooth ball. I gently place the dough back in the bowl and cover it with a wet, warm dishcloth and place it in a warm place on top of the fridge or in the oven that has been warmed and then turned off. I put "my baby to bed" and am reminded of motherhood, the joys of infancy.

I let the dough rise until it doubles in size for about two hours. I check it from time to time but understand it must be left alone if it is to reach its full size. It needs time and space if it is to fully grow. "Can I ever learn to step back and let my children have the space and time they need to become fully who they were meant to be?" I uncover the dough, punch it down, cover it and let it rise until double again. "I have another chance to get it right."

After the second rising, I divide the dough into three equal strands. I join the strands together at one end and loosely braid them and place the loaf on a greased cookie sheet. "How I loved braiding my daughters' hair! How long and beautiful were my Bubbie's braids!" I remember. The loaf is left covered to double in size. Then, becoming the artist, I take a pastry brush and paint the top of the challah with a beaten egg yolk mixed with a little water. Then I decorate the top, sprinkling it liberally with poppy seeds and sesame seeds. I anticipate the outcome as I prepare the last step. I preheat the oven to 350 degrees and then when the oven has reached the desired temperature, I put the loaf in. As the challah bakes, the wonderful smell permeates the cottage. After about 45 minutes when the challah has browned, I take it out and let it cool on a rack on the kitchen counter. I am excited that it has turned out well. "It looks so beautiful and it will taste so delicious!"

It's time for Shabbat dinner as the sun sets over Eagle Lake. I am blessed this Shabbat to have my mother and father and my two daughters for dinner. My mother covers her head and lights two candles ushering in the Shabbat. She says the Shabbat blessing then prays silently wishing health and prosperity to her family. She opens her eyes and greets us with "Good Shabbos" and we return a "Good Shabbos" to her.

We kiss each other. The table is beautiful. There's a lace tablecloth, the lit candles in my Bubbie's silver candlestick holders, wine glasses and the challah covered with a beautiful embroidered cloth handmade in Israel. All are around the table as we say the blessing for the challah: "Baruch atoh adonai elohenu melech haolam hamotzeh lechem min h'aretz." Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, who has given us bread on Earth, Amen. The challah is uncovered. "It's so beautiful! You made this yourself? Wow!" and so on went the comments. I pull the challah apart and give everyone a piece. With each bite, everyone savours beauty, love, peace, creativity, manifestation of spirit and I am fulfilled.

Shabbat on Eagle Lake Retreat: A spiritual practice honouring the body with yoga, meditation, writing and baking challah. At the cottage on Eagle Lake 1044 Dewdrops Lne off EaShores Rd Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $85 including nutritional lunch with challah. Barb Rosen will facilitate the retreat.

Barb is a certified Kripalu (Compassionate) Yoga Teacher, and a member Algonquin Writers in Haliburton, a practitioner of Dzogchen Tibetan Buddhist meditation. She has been offering yoga, meditation and writing with her partner, Mukin, at Blue Sky Yoga in Haliburton and a retreat in Cuba.

For further details/reservations email Barb: barb_ba47@hotmail.com. Please register and pay in advance. Anyone who emails Barbara and mentions they read the article in County Life will get $20 off the retreat.

Run to benefit epilepsy research

OPP Sergeant Robert Jamieson has a message for young people living with epilepsy. He wants them to know that they can live a normal life, have a family and enjoy a successful career. Sgt. Jamieson, who is related to Dr. Agnes Jamieson (whom the gallery in Minden is named after), is living proof of this. Nineteen years ago, he experienced his first seizure on the job. Three months later he had his second. This was the beginning of a difficult time for him and his family as he dealt with unpredictable seizures, experimenting with medication and losing his driver's licence, but he has now been seizure-free for 11 years.

Sgt. Jamieson will be at the fourth annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on Saturday, July 11 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike in Haliburton, participating with his wife and two daughters. This event began in 2012, inspired by then 16-year-old Katie Woudstra and her experience with epilepsy. With a vision to cure this disorder and allow everyone to live seizure-free and drug-free, Katie's family and friends launched the first Katie's Run. It has become an annual summer event, already raising more than $45,000 for epilepsy research. In the first three years, participants could choose between a 10 km run and a 2.5 km walk/run. This year, organizers have added a 5 km run and two mountain biking events (5 km and 10 km). Participants in all five events enjoy a beautiful view of Eagle Lake from the top of the ski hill, making this a truly special experience. The day also includes a silent auction and draws for several great prize packages. Special lunch deals will also be offered by Sir Sam's.

Organizers are expecting a big response to the silent auction items which include a Matt Duchene signed jersey, a wood sculpture from Twisted Pine Studio and a Toronto Raptors surprise item (to be announced).

Registration is available at www.KatiesRun.ca. Early bird rates are on until June 26 and include a chance to win a night for four at the Pinestone on July 10, the night before the event.

Volunteers can also sign up on the website. About 70 are required to pull off this event, and organizers are trusting the community to come together once again.

Funds raised by Katie's Run go to Epilepsy Canada (www.epilepsy.ca), the leading funder of epilepsy research in the country.

Katie's mother and co-race director, Geri Woudstra, summed it up perfectly: "We're doing our very best to help uncover the brilliance that will cure epilepsy – forever!"

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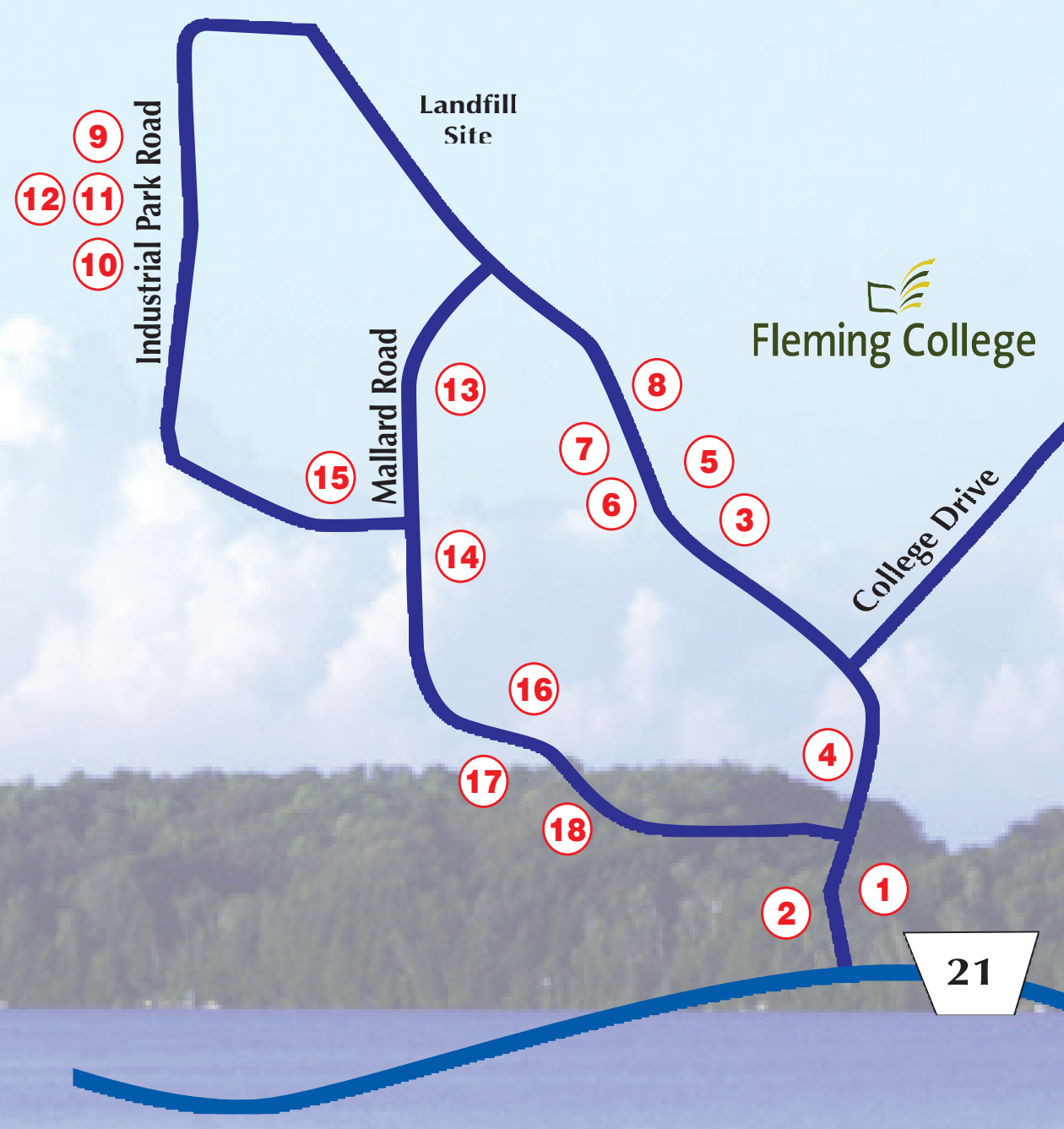

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Haliburton County Reads begins new season

By Elizabeth Bate

In its fourth season, Haliburton County Reads is hitting the airwaves on Canoe FM every Thursday starting July 9.

The show pits book against book for the title everyone in Haliburton County should be reading. Each of the five titles is defended by a panelist who chose the book with this year's only requirement being that the book had to be Canadian in honour of the Haliburton County Public Library's 50th year.

"As part of the celebrations for that we want to do a One Book, One Community event, and we thought this would be a really good way to choose that book," said this year's host Erin Kernohan-Berning, branch services librarian for the HCPL.

This year's winning title will have events featured around it. Kernohan-Berning is hopeful that includes an author guest-speaker.

Founder and three-year veteran host turned panelist Greg Roe intended the show to be a riff off of Canada Reads, an annual show on CBC Radio.

"Greg continued to develop the show, so it turned into an almost year round show with interviews with authors about books and writing related things," Kernohan-Berning said.

Last year the show took a break, so this year is also serving as a reboot of the project.

The five books facing off will be *Fifth Business* by Roberston Davies, defended by Roe, *All My Puny Sorrows*, by Miriam Toews, defended by Anne-Marie Borthwick, *The Masked Rider*, by Neil Peart, defended by Sean Pennylegion, *Up and Down* by Terry Fallis, defended by Angus Sullivan, and *Punishment*, by Linden MacIntyre and defended by Jenn Watt, editor of the *Echo* and the *Minden Times*.

The choice to have the winner featured as the OBOC pick for this year gave Roe some pause in picking *Fifth Business*; Davies having been deceased for awhile means he would be unavailable to do an author lecture.

"We've talked about it and we've joked about it," said Kernohan-Berning. "I'm sure there's someone in the community that looks a little like Roberston Davies."

Kernohan-Berning said that in the event Roe's selection wins they will bring in an actor to play the part for an evening.

While Davies represents a strong Can Lit tradition, many of the books are not what would be considered a conventional idea of Canadian literature.

"We're not really concerned with that sort of traditional definition of Can Lit or literature in general," said Kernohan-Berning. "I think that the most important part is that the books be accessible to all readers."

The books chosen take readers across Africa, through big cities and small Canadian towns, and even into space. They are sorrowful, funny and suspenseful. Many are also award-winners. Toews was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller prize, while MacIntyre won a Giller for a previous book. Comedic author Fallis grapples with serious issues in a humorous way.

"Within that humour there's the exploration of topics like ageism, and homophobia, and doing the right thing," Kernohan-Berning. "It might not be literary, but it does explore some of those topics that are important to explore."

Kernohan-Berning says she sees the Canadian literary scene turning away from the traditional prairie or gothic stories and towards a more "anything goes" approach.

"There's a lot of urban fiction and contemporary fiction talking about contemporary issues," she said. "*All My Puny Sorrows* is like that, it's very present day."

Peart's book is the only non-fiction choice being defended and chronicles a trip across Cameroon by bicycle. Peart is the drummer for the Canadian band Rush, making it an interesting and non-conventional pick.

"The thing about the list of books being defended is not any one of them are undeserving of the title of the book that everyone in Haliburton County should read," said Kernohan-Berning. "They are all very good so it becomes very difficult for the panelists to be able to pick a book."

The calibre of books led the panelists to decided that instead of the books being voted off, they are voted to be put back on the shelf.

"They may not be the book that everyone in Haliburton County should read for the purposes of this show, but it's certainly one that people should still look to," said Kernohan-Berning.

All the books featured on the show are available at the library and can be accessed by placing a hold online or at the library.

The library is also renewing popular summer programming including monthly book clubs, "appy" hour (a tech hour for those who would like to learn more about their mobile devices), and family reading time. The portable library will also be around the county at events this summer, and extended summer hours begin July 6.

Five books will battle it out for top prize in the competition, set to begin July 8 on Canoe FM.

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11:00-12:15: Crazy River Raft Race Registration Opens. At Rotary Park off Hwy #35

11:00-2:00: Open house at the Fire Hall. Prince St. Check out the trucks, meet the Firefighters.

11:30: Highland Dancers performance. At Main Stage on Water Street

12:00: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party parade, National Anthem performed by HC Band, opening remarks, cutting of the cake.

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12:30: Haliburton Dance Academy award winning performance. At Main Stage on Water St.

12:45: Fashion show. Hosted by St. Paul's Anglican Church. At Main Stage on Water St.

1:00: "Sister Act" performance. At Main Stage on Water St.

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12:00-2:00: FREE! Wagon Rides (to and from the Cultural Centre) On Invergordon Ave.

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- Milne Street, from old EMS station to Water Street

If you would like more information on this or events regarding Canada Day please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

New business offers solutions to cottage hassles

By Angelica Blenich

Imagine enjoying cottage country without the hassle of tedious chores such as grocery shopping, doing laundry or cleaning.

That's what Jennifer Robertson is aiming to provide with her recently launched business, Cottage Country Concierge.

As the name implies, the initiative acts like your own personal concierge, as Robertson will take care of many typical cottage needs, including stocking a fridge with groceries for the weekend, preparing meals for your arrival and the following day, checking the propane tank and replacing it (if necessary), making the beds with fresh linens and more.

"The first group of customers would be cottage-goers," said Robertson. "They're coming up and realizing they're in a really big rush to relax, but they have to get their groceries, they have to do all those other things."

Launched on June 1, Cottage Country Concierge has been in the works for some time as Robertson saw a need for something like this in the community.

"I live here and I see the Friday craziness," she said. "It's nice to have someone take care of things for you."

There are also services that are offered after cottagers leave the area, including stripping the linens off the beds and washing them, taking garbage and recycling to the landfill, watering plants and more.

Aside from household chores, Robertson also extends her organizational skills to offer planned family excursions or trips to places such as the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

Started with the help of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the business is geared to both cottagers and year-round residents.

Services for full-time residents could include running errands such as picking up prescriptions, standing in line at the MTO office or other menial tasks.

"It's definitely serviced to people to enhance their quality of life, to make things easier for them," she said.

More unique and creative services Robertson is hoping to offer include planning a romantic night out for a couple, or a day full of activities for children.

The entrepreneur is open to ideas and suggestions from clients, who may require something she has not yet even thought about.

"Everybody has their own needs and that's what I want, to make it as individual as the clients," she said.

For more information visit www.CottageCountryConcierge.ca or email jennifer@cottagecountryconcierge.ca.

You can also reach Robertson at 705-306-0950.

Jennifer Robertson is one of Haliburton's newest entrepreneurs, having recently launched Cottage Country Concierge. The full-service business takes care of your cottage and home needs, such as cleaning, meal preparation, grocery shopping, laundry and more. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

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Real estate problems

Law Talkin' Guy column by Greg Cholkan

Real estate deals don't always close. Sometimes, a lawyer's review will expose defects in the title to the property. Or maybe a buyer is unable to obtain financing. And occasionally, sellers simply change their minds – usually because the property value has increased in the time after the signing of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale but before closing. In that situation, as a buyer, what kind of remedies are available to you?

There are two main remedies in the world of real estate: damages and specific performance. Here's the difference between the two: let's say my friend agrees to sell me his wooden Moonlight Crawfish fishing lure for $400. He reneges on the deal so I sue him. The court can either order my friend to pay me the difference between the contract price and the market value of the lure (which, apparently, is $500!) – this would be an award of damages – or it can force my friend to complete the deal, giving me that particular lure – this would be an example of specific performance.

But you can't always choose which remedy is appropriate. In one real estate case, the purchaser agreed to buy a house for $685,000. Two months before closing, the seller did not want to sell the house anymore. To make a long story short, the purchaser had to look for another house, and eventually bought one for $760,000. Could the purchaser still try to force the seller to complete the original deal? Or would she have to settle for the difference in the two prices?

Generally, specific performance is available only where a unique service or good is being provided – if a person can readily purchase what they wanted to buy, there's no reason to give them a specific piece of property. Houses are generally considered unique. But in this case, the purchaser was only entitled to damages. Why?

Because the purchaser accepted a return of her deposit. Requesting a return of a deposit "is not consistent with an intention to treat the contract as valid and subsisting." In other words, if you're going to ask the court to enforce the original contract, you must act in accordance with its terms.

Keep this in mind if you're deadset on purchasing a particular piece of property and things turn sour.

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Camping, and how to avoid it

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

There comes a time each summer when someone will approach you and ask if you want to go camping.

This is as good a time as any to say no.

I understand this form of bluntness is not really the Canadian way, but neither is spending a weekend sleeping with a root poking up into the centre of your back. And besides, they're only asking you because everyone else already declined.

Having said that, some of us feel more comfortable quashing the invitation in other ways. Here are 10 that ought to work.

1. Tell them you'd love to but you have a flatulence issue that makes sleeping in tents dangerous. I know it's embarrassing, but then again so is wearing a Tilley hat and clogs for an entire weekend.
2. Say you'd love to. Then add, "I'll get back to you as soon as I clear it with my parole officer."
3. Respond with, "That's a great idea. Maybe if I get the fleas out into a wilderness environment, they'll finally want to leave me."
4. One phrase: "Yes! I can't remember the last time I danced naked around a camp fire."
5. Nod and immediately break into "99 bottles of beer."
6. Say, "That's great. My therapist said this might help me with dealing with the night terrors."
7. "I'm in. So long as it doesn't fall on a full moon." Then turn to the person, stare deeply into their eyes and whisper, "You don't want to be near me during a full moon."
8. Say yes. Then yell "I love Monopoly marathons!"
9. "Sure. But just so you know, I will need help with my suppositories."
10. Say, "Yes, but if anyone kills even one mosquito they'll have me to deal with."

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Left, Maria, played by Sue Black, hits her husband Tito Merelli, played by Carl Dixon, with a pillow during a rehearsal for the upcoming play.

Right, Tito Merelli, the tenor, played by Carl Dixon sings with Max, played by Adrian Zeyl.

Lend Me a Tenor

Top left, Tito Merelli, the tenor, played by Carl Dixon is comforted by his assistant Max, played by Adrian Zeyl, after his wife Maria leaves him during a rehearsal for the Highlands Summer Festival's *Lend Me a Tenor*. The screwball comedy runs weeknights at 8 p.m. starting June 29 and closing on July 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Curtain talk is on Friday, July 3. This is the first theatre production in the summer festival and is followed by *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. For more information see www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca. Purchase tickets online or over the phone at 705-457-9933 or toll-free at 1-855-457-9933./DARREN LUM Staff

Dorset launches art and garden tour

Does anyone ever sleep in Dorset? A lot happens in this quaint village on Trading Bay. The beautification projects just keep popping up all over town : a new park and gazebo: a hand-crafted timber frame pavilion; a children's playground; a marine museum; a health hub. I've got one more biggie to add to the list and it, too, is all about beauty. It's Dorset's first ever combined Art and Garden Tour on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Painters, sculptors, a potter, a jeweler, a fine woodworker, a decorative bansuri flute maker, a fibre artist and a recycling artist, throw open their doors and garden gates to welcome the public to view their art, both in their studios and in their gardens. Hear them talk about their artistic lives in small town Ontario.

As Monet had Giverney, and Burchfield lived in Gardenville, many Dorset artists have gardens tucked behind their studios. The gardens, an extension of their creativity, say a lot about the artists, too. They are just another form of landscape painting, according to Alexander Pope. Whether or not you consider gardening an art form, come to visit the artists' retreats from which they draw artistic inspiration. See the creative diversity from tangled English gardens to the neat, individual vegetable box beds of the Dorset Community Garden.

Make a day of it. Watch the sun rise over Lake of Bays from Dorset's scenic tower. Pick up your morning coffee at Chetolah Pottery Studio and walk to all the studios in town. Have lunch at one of many eating establishments in Dorset, then drive or bike out to the studios just outside of town. All are within 10 minutes of driving.

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Submitted by Elizabeth Johnson

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Puzzles

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vacations.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to air conditioning.
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(Hint: 3 = o)

A. 18 3 3 23
Clue: Remove heat

B. 2 20 21 3 3 15 12
Clue: Not outside

C. 15 1 23 2 1 13
Clue: Alleviation of discomfort

D. 7 1 20 9
Clue: Part of HVAC system

Answers: A. cool B. indoors C. relief D. vent

Answers

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7	6	8	6	1	3	2	4	5
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4	2	6	7	8	1	5	9	3
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Word scramble answer:
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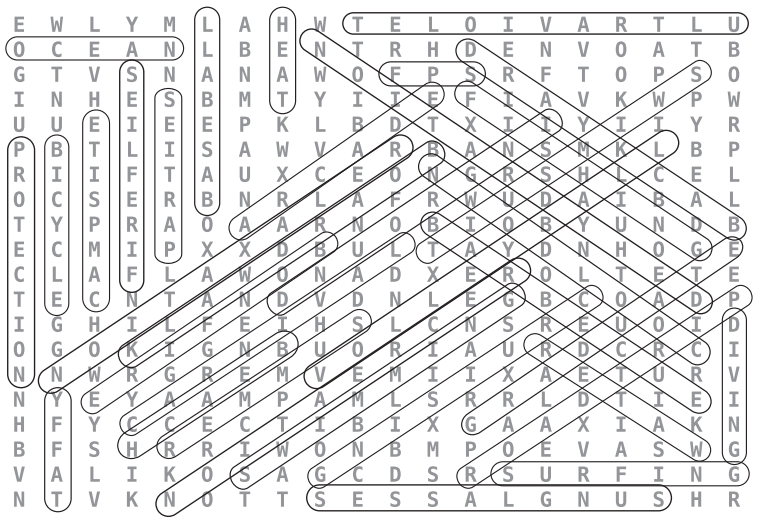
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Art tour reveals breadth of talent

Kennisis Lake event showcases 30 artists at 20 locations July 11 and 12 – no boat required

By Elizabeth Bate

This summer Kennisis Lake will become a living art gallery.

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association is hosting Art on the Dock July 11 and 12 in what artist Shelley Beach hopes will become an annual tradition.

The art show will feature more than 30 artists in 20 locations around the lake. Guests can take a free, self-guided tour of the artists' studios from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. either by driving between locations or boating across both Big Kennisis Lake and Little Kennisis Lake.

The art for viewing and sale will be in a variety of media including pottery, paintings, books, and quilts.

Beach credits Tayce Wakefield for the idea for the show.

The association called for applicants, which for this first year were not juried, and saw a great interest in a short period of time.

"They wanted to be very inclusive," Beach said. "It was amazing to me that in a very short period of time they had 20 locations and up to three exhibitors at each location."

Not all artists will offer demonstrations, but if the weather is nice Beach plans to sit outside and show those who stop by watercolour technique.

"I've been living here full-time for seven years and I just love painting the landscape," she said.

If the weather turns sour, Beach will be taking her demonstration inside to her studio.

In either case she will also be hosting guest artist Keith Higgins who makes hand-crafted bird houses, and author and poet Lea Harper, who will be doing a reading of her work.

Beach is a professional artist, OCAD graduate, and art teacher, but a few of the exhibitors are hobbyists, like John Middleton.

Middleton will be exhibiting his pottery at his home, one of the stops on the tour.

Pottery has occupied Middleton's spare time for 24 years. He sees the new art show as a great way for hobbyists to gain awareness and show off their talents.

"I'm looking at it as a lot of fun," said Middleton.

While the exhibition is free, the association is asking for donations in support of Artists in the Schools Haliburton County.

The charity helps to bring artists into classrooms to help children learn art, and experience that Beach says is important in this time of funding cuts.

"It provides experience in our schools," she said. "They're not really given much of an art education in some classes."

Each in-school session with an artist costs about $10 per child for time and supplies, says Beach. Donation boxes will be located at the marina and at each artist location.

The association has put out a call to volunteers who will pick up people at the marina and drop them off at the varying locations, giving participants options for how they would like to spend the day travelling around the lake.

For those who visit 10 of the 20 locations over the two-day period, the association will be holding a draw for a painting donated by one of the artists, Wilf McOstrich.

McOstrich will also be showing for the two-day period. Visitors can get their ballots signed at each vendor and, once completed, drop them either at an artist location or at the marina.

Beach is hoping the weekend draws the residents from around the lake together.

"More than anything it's developing a sense of community on the lake."

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>
> *– Shelley Beach*

Middleton also hopes to get reacquainted with old friends, meet some new ones, and show off everything the lake has to offer.

"It's just been a place that we've always loved and always relaxed," he said.

Haliburton Highlands Museum

The Haliburton Highlands Museum

Take a look at some of the exciting events planned for this summer!

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
When: July 1st, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Children, grown-ups and teddy bears are invited to the museum for an afternoon of crafts, activities and entertainment!

Yoga at the Museum
When: July 11th, 2:00pm
Join Lynda Shadbolt, from Haliburton Yoga, for an hour of outdoor yoga followed by delicious treats! Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle and dress for the sun. All levels of experience welcome.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE
When: July 25th-26th 10:00am-4:00pm
Our annual fundraiser returns with something for everyone! Donations very welcome!

Museum Heritage Walks
When: Tuesdays in July and August, 5:30pm
Meet Haliburton Highlands Museum staff at the Caboose for an hour long tour of downtown Haliburton's history as part of "Come to Town Tuesdays"!

Heritage Happenings
When: Wednesdays and Fridays June 26th to September 4th, 10:30am-12:00pm
Children aged 6-12 are invited to join us for fun activities based on our local history and heritage! Play historical games, create old-fashioned treats, do crafts inspired by the past and learn about old-time trades. Different activities everyday!

Jazz at the Museum
When: July 11th, 7:30pm
Canoe FM's, Jazz at the 45th presents: The Lenny Solomon Trio! Join us for an evening of Solomon's violin accompanied by Reg Schwager on guitar and Shelly Berger on bass. Tickets are $30 and are available at the museum

HALIBURTON VILLAGE SETTLER-BRATION
When: August 2nd 11:00am-3:00pm
Watch the 19th century come to life! Join our costumed interpreters to learn how our pioneer families worked and played together – activities for all ages!

The Haliburton Highlands Museum is located at 66 Museum Rd. (off Bayshore/118 in Glebe Park)
For more information on any of the events please contact
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Haliburton Rocks

By Elizabeth Bate

It's a clear, sunny afternoon under the canopy of what seems like a thousand trees. My boots are muddy and I am surrounded by mosquitoes, but I can't take my eyes off the tiny glittering rock in my hand.

I have ventured out on the Haliburton Rocks tour with Yours Outdoors. Outdoors owner Barrie Martin and rocks tour guide Jim Mercer have led a small group about a kilometre into the woods off Loop Road in Wilberforce. We have been given sample taking kits and instructions, and are now digging for rocks, specifically a stone called apatite. The gem is phosphorous, and either red or green depending on where you look. It forms into six-sided crystals in the ground and on rock formations and waits patiently for one of us to find it and express awe over its glittering surface. Another rock we have been asked to look for is actinolite. A slightly radioactive rock, actinolite forms in clear crystals that spread out diagonally in a sunburst pattern over the side of a rock. Although this rock doesn't have enough radiation to be dangerous, we're advised not to keep it in pockets or in the house if we collect a sample.

Mercer teaches us about glacial melting and the formation of various outcroppings over thousands of years, and points out interesting plants and animals on our stroll through the forest.

Formed just 10 years ago instead of thousands, Your Outdoors is a private tour company that creates customizable experiences for its guests. Guests can choose from multiple packages Martin has online and engage in a one-of-a-kind tour of the Highlands region.

"My philosophy is to take outdoor tours and combine them with arts, culture, and nature," Martin said.

The rock tours can last a half day, full day, or for three days. As can cycling tours, local food tours, paddle tours, and other excursions. The group I am with is on the half-day rock collecting tour. A full-day, or half-day non-collecting tour, would have included a morning at Green Mantle farms looking at various rocks and gems from the area and indulging in a homemade lunch. The tour has been recognized as an Ontario signature experience. Haliburton Rocks is one of only 30 such signature experiences.

"Ontario Tourism put a call out and asked the whole tourism community 'tell us about your best tourism experiences,'" said Martin. "It's really good to have this geology recognized as a signature experience."

The rocks experience requires some hiking in small amounts, but is good for groups, families, or city-girl journalists looking to break out of their shell and experience the beauty that is Haliburton. For those looking for a more relaxing afternoon, there are activities, like the local food excursions or canoe trips, which require less walking.

Mosquitoes aside, the hike is nice and I am awed enough by my surroundings to slip into an uncharacteristic silence as we walk. Mercer tells me he began doing the rocks tour with Yours Outdoors three years ago. Before that the study of rocks and geology formations in the Highlands was merely a hobby.

"My girls would ask me 'Dad what's this? Dad what's this one?'" he said of hikes with this daughters. "I started to look them up."

Having taken his fatherly knowledge of rocks to a lifelong passion, Mercer now does the rocks tour when requested in the summer, showing off the local scenery that exists all around us, as well as that which exists just below the surface.

Martin explains that because the Highlands is located on the cusp of the Canadian Shield the geology here is unique: a combination of two different environments. The conditions were right for creating stunning crystals, some that can be used to make the soil richer for growing, others are nice to fasten to a chain around your neck.

Martin says Your Outdoors is in the process of acquiring rock polishing equipment and the ability to tumble, shape, and polish certain rocks will soon be added to the tours. With a permit obtained from the township at the beginning of each tour, participants are allowed to keep the rocks they collect under supervision.

Although hikers are allowed in this area without a permit, it is important to note that they are not allowed to collect the rocks or disturb the environment without one or the proper supervision and set of instructions that comes with it. The permits are free, but are necessary to ensure no large-scale activity that would wreak havoc, like the kind that happened at the turn of the last century.

We look for rocks, in part, in a large crevice carved in the centre of the forest. It is more than a foot across and extends hundreds of metres. Now it is covered in moss, trees hanging off its ledge, having adapted their footing long ago.

The crevice was the result of mining, Mercer explains. A war in Europe at the beginning of the 1900s limited the amount of fertilizer that was shipped to Canada and miners began to search for the minerals that would give their soil more phosphorus. Now the mining has stopped, leaving a dramatic split in the earth for visitors to catch a glimpse of its insides.

Not all of the rocks I've collected can be turned into shiny ornaments. Some are too brittle to shape or polish, I'm told, but I'll hang onto them anyway; small tokens of an afternoon well spent.

After emerging from the different world Martin and Mercer have taken me to, we munch on granola bars and chat amiably about local music and the weather. For now I'm happy to take my new rock collection home and treat the bug bites, but I'm sure it won't be long before I get the urge to venture back into the woods and discover more. And sure enough, the conversation takes a turn and I am already planning my next adventure.

Your Outdoors can be reached at their website, www.yoursoutdoors.ca.

Nazar and Olga Peregood look for a red apatite gem in the forest off Loop Road in Wilberforce as part of the Haliburton Rocks tour June 18. ELIZABETH BATE Staff

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Charred broccoli salad

Enjoy local veggies in season - they taste even sweeter when grilled. This salad can be made up to 1 day ahead.

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Grilling Time: 15 to 20 minutes
Serves: 6

Ingredients:
1 head Ontario Broccoli, trimmed (about 1-1/2 lbs/750 g)
1 Ontario Red Onion, sliced crosswise (1/2-inch/1 cm thick)
1 cob Ontario Corn, husked
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 large Ontario Tomato, cut into chunks
1/2 cup (125 mL) crumbled Ontario Feta Cheese (about 2 oz/60 g)

Dressing:
1/4 cup (50 mL) red wine vinegar
1/3 cup (75 mL) olive oil
3/4 tsp (4 mL) dried oregano leaves
1/2 tsp (2 mL) each sugar and dry mustard
1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation Instructions:
Remove most of the thick stalk from broccoli and cut in half lengthwise. Brush broccoli, onion and corn evenly with 2 tbsp (25 mL) oil; season with salt and pepper.

Grill vegetables over medium heat, turning occasionally, until broccoli, onion and corn are lightly charred and tender-crisp; about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove pieces as they are cooked; set aside to cool slightly.

Dressing: In small bowl whisk together vinegar, oil, oregano, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper.

Chop broccoli into florets, discarding any remaining tough stalk. Coarsely chop onion and remove corn kernels from cob. Combine grilled vegetables with tomato in large serving bowl. Drizzle with a little of the dressing, sprinkle with feta; cover and refrigerate salad and reserved dressing. Serve at room temperature with reserved dressing.

Recipe and Photography: Foodland Ontario

Strawberry mojitos

Pitcher drinks are a fantastic way to greet friends and family on a summer day. This mojito-inspired recipe is infused with sweet, juicy Ontario strawberries and mint.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Refrigeration Time: 2 hours
Serves: 10

Ingredients:
4-1/2 cups (1.125 L) chopped Ontario Strawberries
3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
6 tbsp (90 mL) fresh lime juice
1/2 cup (125 mL) firmly packed fresh Ontario Mint Leaves
2-1/2 cups (625 mL) chilled club soda
3/4 cup (175 mL) chilled white rum
Ice cubes
Ontario Mint Sprigs
Whole Ontario Strawberries

Preparation Instructions:
In blender, purée together chopped strawberries, sugar and lime juice; transfer to large container. In glass measuring cup, muddle mint leaves with handle of wooden spoon or muddler for several minutes, crushing to release its aroma; stir into strawberry mixture. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.

Just before serving, add 1/2 cup (125 mL) of the club soda to strawberry mixture; strain through fine sieve into serving pitcher, discarding the pulp. Stir in remaining club soda and rum. Place ice cubes into each glass; fill with strawberry mojito. Garnish with mint and strawberry.

Tip: To make strawberry and mint ice cubes, add one small strawberry and mint leaf to each ice cube compartment; fill with water and freeze.

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Students in the expressive arts program at the Haliburton School of the Arts walk on a labyrinth as part of a classroom exercise. /ELIZABETH BATE Staff

Students in the expressive arts program at the Haliburton School of the Arts show off a labyrinth made with natural objects as part of a classroom exercise June 8. The program helps students discover the healing power of art and artistic expression.

The healing power of expression

By Elizabeth Bate

Madeline Smith came to Haliburton seeking new ways to use the arts to help people. A student in the expressive arts program at the Haliburton School of the Arts, Smith was attracted to the idea of using her artistic talent to help others incorporate art into healing from trauma, as well as their everyday lives.

"I'm really excited and inspired by the direct goals of the expressive arts; to help such diverse populations of people," she said.

The program is an eight-week graduate certificate program that teaches students how to use and incorporate traditional and non-traditional art forms into personal wellness programs, as well as how to teach others to do the same whether in everyday life, or as part of a recovery program.

Although none of the students becomes a licensed therapist through the program, they learn how to work with those recovering from physical and emotional trauma, as well as those with differing abilities, to help them learn, grow and heal through art.

Each week of the program features a different art form, some include working with sound, others can be journalling, or learning how to make and use labyrinths.

"I researched all over North America and this program resonated for me," said student Duncan Harte.

In fact, the program is unique to Canada. It is the only program of its kind offered at a public institution. Other programs like it, and there are very few, are offered through private instruction.

The program will take in students from a variety of backgrounds, however, many of the students come from a pervious arts background. DeeAnn deGruijter completed an MFA in theatre and teaching, but found that performing or teaching in traditional academic streams was not where her passions were.

"I feel I'm more of service now as a teacher and a facilitator for people to find their own creativity," she said.

The facilitation is key, said deGruijter, who emphasized the program teaches students how to help others find their own path to creativity.

"We're not therapists," she said. "We're not trying to fox people."

Instead, the group studies how to free emotion and creativity through working with art in a hands-on manner. Each week involves textbook and in-class learning as well as role-playing, creating, and hands-on use of the techniques.

In the penultimate week, students learned how to walk on and use a labyrinth, the theory behind the ritual, and then created their own both in class using traditional materials and outside using found objects.

Although there is a focus on creation, classes do not emphasize technique and students do not need to be proficient in an art-form to participate.

"This work is reminding me of the joy I took as a child of just throwing paint on paper," Smith said.

Harte has run his own centre in for wellness and meditation in Kelowna, B.C. for 13 years. He said he came to the program looking for some self-care.

"I needed a sabbatical and some new inspiration," he said. "It's like an artist's retreat because you're in the woods in Haliburton."

While learning a practical approach to teaching the healing power of art the students also work through their own issues.

"We do work on ourselves," said Harte.

Harte will be taking the new information he's garnered back to his centre in Kelowna, but other students will go on to help those in need in more traditional facilities.

Smith hopes to combine this with her other experiences to create community programming. She's starting her journey towards that goal by working with a summer camp for children with autism and Tourette syndrome.

"I'm hoping to bring some of this to the kids and teenagers there," she said. Smith will go on to volunteer with Sick Kids' Hospital in Toronto in the fall, as well.

DeGruijter also hopes to take her love of art into a more traditional health-care field, helping the caregivers and families of those in palliative care and long-term care residences.

"A lot of time the caregivers get really super exhausted," she said.

DeGruijter has a proposal in to a Toronto health facility to bring her programming to those caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's and also to seniors and children who are bed-ridden. She hopes to take it to seniors' communities as well.

"The area I live in has a vivacious seniors' community," she said. "I find that when the seniors get into something and really just pick it up and run with it, they take it to their grandchildren."

Smith, like deDruijter, sees the program as a way to help her use art to make a difference in the wider world.

"I want to benefit real issues that are happening in different communities," she said. "And to bring people together and heal what's happening as a group."

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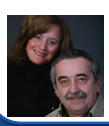

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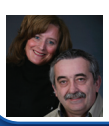

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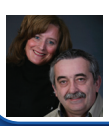

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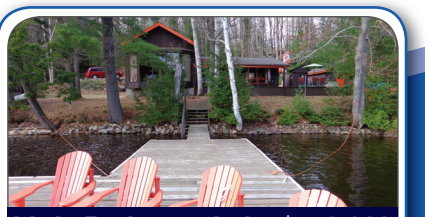

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Dated Events

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday June 25, 1 :30 pm.
Where: 1095 Redkenn Road
Details: Speaker: Peter Schleifenbaum. Topic: Birds, Animals, and Foliage of Haliburton Forest

Ganesh's Garden

When: Friday June 26th Starts at 9:30
Where: Holness Yoga & Guest Suites
What: Learn about easy, natural raised gardens and how yoga makes gardening more fun. Join Gail Holness of Holness Yoga and Andrew von Zuben of Bedrock and Brambles for a day of fun in the garden and studio. Lunch with local foods will be included.
Contact: Gail at gailholness@gmail.com or Andrew at bedrockandbrambles@gmail.com

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Salad Supper St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake

When: Saturday June 27th 5-7 pm.
Where: 1213 St Peter's Road, Algonquin Highlands which runs off Hwy 118, just east of Carnarvon.
Details: Homemade salads of every variety, baked ham, sliced tomatoes, pickles, devilled eggs, rolls, strawberry shortcake, tea, coffee & juice. Adults $12. Children 12-5 yrs. $5. Under 4, free. Convenor Pat Fraser, 705-489-9949.

Rain Barrels For Sale - FEEL (Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning)

When: June 27, 9 am. to 12 noon
Where: 12750 Hwy 35, beside Kawartha Dairy
Details:$60.00. Place order at 705-754-5857, Email: thomas75@bell.net, online: RainBarrel.ca/feel. Pickup Sat June 27, 9 am. to 12 noon.
Proceeds to Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

Harold Floden Bass Tournament

Saturday, June 27, 2015
Wilberforce Legion Branch 624
Registration – Legion by close on June 25th OR Fishes Lunch Box by 10am on the 27th
$15 per person – Weigh in 3-6pm – Must be present to collect prizes.

Cardiff Community Club Picnic

Monday, June 29, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Cardiff Community Centre

Canada Day Celebrations in Gooderham

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Glamorgan Park, Gooderham, ON
Come celebrate Canada Day in Gooderham!
Ball Game, Horseshoe Tourney, Kids' Stuff, Firefighters' BBQ, Outdoor Concert by the Highlands Trio begins at 7PM, and Spectacular Fireworks at Dusk. Bring your lawn chair!

Strawberry Salad Supper - Maple Lake

When: Saturday, July 4, 2015
Where: Maple Lake United Church (corner of Hwy. 118 and Airport Road)
Time: Two sittings 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Cost: $12 (pay at the door)
Reservations are recommended, call Merrie Barry at 705-754-2258 or Beverly Upton at 705-286-2130.

Strawberry Supper - Ingoldsby

When: July 4
Where: Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Road, 4 to 7 p.m.
Adults $15, children from five to 10 $7.50 and children age four and younger are free. Variety of delicious salads, rolls, roast beef, ham, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea and juice. Bake, boutique and craft tables beginning at 9 a.m. Please join us.

Mexican Fiesta

When: July 4th
Where: Holness Yoga & Guest Suites
What: Join SUPnorth and Holness Yoga to kick off summer with a Mexican Fiesta. Yoga, stand up paddle boarding and delicious Mexican food. Don't miss this awesome day!
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Dorset Community Fireworks

Saturday, July 4, 2015
(Rain Date - Sunday, July 5)
Dusk 9:30 - 10 p.m.
Big Trading Bay
Sponsored by: The Dorset Community Projects Group. A bucket will be available at the gates & in the boats. All donations appreciated & go towards next year's show!

Jazz at the Museum III

When: July 11, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Two sets
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Road, Haliburton, ON
Details: The Jazz and Blues Violin of Lenny Solomon, "Canada's premier Jazz violinist" Lenny Solomon Trio, Featuring Reg Schwager on guitar and Shelly Berger on bass. Lenny, Reg and Shelly were actually the first version of the Lenny Solomon trio... happy to see them reunited again!
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Tickets $30.00 available at: CanoeFM, 705-457-1009
Haliburton Highlands Museum, 705-457-2760
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Refreshments available by donation
This promises to be a great show and tickets are limited, so don't hesitate....

Recurring Events

Al-anon Minden

When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music. Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Kinmount Farmers Market Open

When: Starting May 16 from 9-2
Where: Kinmount Farmers Market
Details: There will be free cupcakes

Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild Open Studios

When: Daytime - Every Tues. 1-4
Evening the 3rd. Wed. of the month 7-9
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No Experience needed
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Quilters & Needle Workers Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person
Dorset Evening Yoga Classes
When: Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$75 for 6 classes or $15 per class. For more information contact Caroline Leeder at huttcaroline@gmail.com or 705-767-1177

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Jan Simon PRO

Friday	Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm Pool 2:30PM Jam Session 7:30PM
Saturday	Harold Floden Memorial Bass Tournament Register Legion by close June 26th OR Fishes Lunch Box by 10am 27th $15 per person – weigh in 3-6pm Must be present to collect prizes Meat Draw 2:00pm -5:00pm - Early Bird 3pm sharp
Sunday	Pancake/Sausage/Waffle & Bacon Breakfast 9:00am-12:00pm
Monday	Bid Euchre
Wednesday	Fun Darts

Upcoming Event
Saturday, July 4th
Summer's Night Karaoke 9:00pm to close DJ's Brett & Joanne Irvine

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays:	Open dart night at 7pm
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1pm start Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month and every Wednesday in July and August.
Thursday:	General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays:	Cribbage 1 pm start Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Events:
Haliburton Legion Fundraiser Saturday July 11th featuring CCMA inductee Johnny Burke & Eastwind. Doors open at 6pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7pm including door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple available at the Legion and Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or Fast Lanes Bowling in Minden or call (705) 447-2348.
Live entertainment featuring a hilarious tribute to The Blues Brothers by The Soul Men on Saturday July 18th starting at 8pm. Tickets are $25 per person available at the Legion and Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or On The Spot Variety in Minden.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705-457-2571. Please come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 …everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

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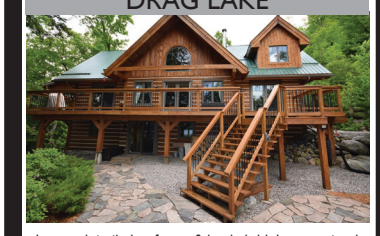

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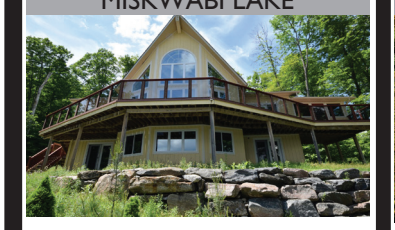

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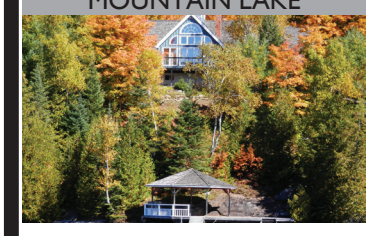

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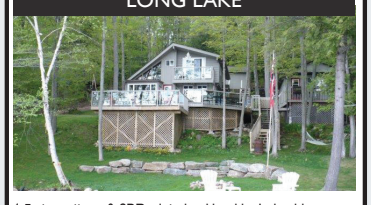

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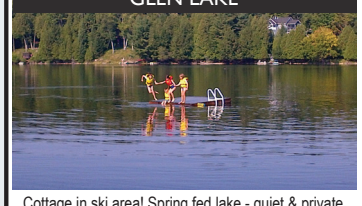

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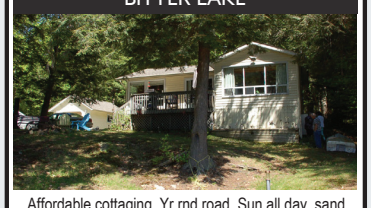

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